

**Section 100.150 Electronic Filing of Reports**

- a) The State Board of Elections will make software available to committees required to report electronically under 10 ILCS 5/9-28.
  - b) Once a committee exceeds the threshold that requires it to report electronically, it must continue thereafter to report electronically until it dissolves, whether or not its accumulation, receipts or expenditures fall beneath the levels set by statute for mandatory electronic filing.
  - c) Once a committee is required to file its reports electronically under Section 9-28 of the Election Code, it must continue to file all reports (semiannual, amended semiannual, pre-election, amended pre-election, final, amended final, Schedule A-1) electronically, except as follows:
    - 1) A paper report shall be considered a timely filing if it is received by the Board on or before the filing deadline, provided that it covers the initial reporting period during which the mandatory electronic filing threshold is exceeded and that the report is filed electronically within 30 days after receipt of notice from the Board that this report was required to have been filed electronically. If the report is not filed electronically within this 30 day period, it shall be considered as never having been filed and the civil penalties mandated by 26 Ill. Adm. Code 125.425 will accrue from the date of the filing deadline.
    - 2) A paper report shall be considered a non-filing if the committee has previously received the notification referred to in subsection (c)(1). If the report is not filed electronically by the filing deadline, it shall be considered as having never been filed and the civil penalties mandated by 26 Ill. Adm. Code 125.425 will accrue until such time as it is filed electronically.
    - 3) A paper report shall be considered a timely filing if at least one previous report was required to have been filed electronically and the committee had never been notified by the Board that it was required to electronically file its reports, provided that the report is filed electronically within 30 days after the notification referred to in subsection (c)(1). If the report is not filed electronically within this 30 day period, it shall be considered as never having been filed and the civil penalties mandated by 26 Ill. Adm. Code 125.425 will accrue from the date of the filing deadline.
    - 4) A paper report shall be considered a timely filing if it is received on or before the filing deadline and the committee has never exceeded the \$10,000 threshold requiring the electronic filing of its reports, regardless of whether the committee filed previous reports electronically.
    - 5) If a committee is assessed a civil penalty for delinquent filing a report required to be filed electronically and, in the course of its appeal, raises the defense that computer related issues (including, but not limited to, software, firewalls, system failures) prohibited the timely filing of an electronic report, the Board may consider that defense when determining the final outcome of the appeal.
- (Source: Amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 7142, effective May 1, 2007)